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August 20, 1984

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Scott Auto Wrecking-Fort Benton

Board of County Commissioners, Chouteau Co. Courthouse, Fort Benton, MT
Ronald S. Jovanovich, Mayor, P.O. Box 8, Fort Benton
Ray Erbe, Fort Benton Zoning Board, P.O. Box 8, Fort Benton, MT
Dr. W. I. Gertson, Health Officer, 1510 St. Charles, Fort Benton, MT
Gilbert Scott, Scott Lumber, P. O. Box 35, Fort Benton, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena,MT
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Gilbert Scott/dba/Scott's Auto Wrecking in Fort Benton, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Gilbert Scott dba/Scott's Auto Wrecking

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility in Fort Benton, Montana (See Map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Fort Benton Zoning Board

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Fort Benton Zoning Board

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Larry Mitchell
LARRY MITCHELL

Date: 8/16/84

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GILBERT SCOTT/dba/SCOTT'S AUTO WRECKING
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. Scott has constructed and proposed the licensing of a 1.5 acre wrecking yard on the east end of Main Street in Fort Benton across the street from his lumber yard. The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and regulations require that wrecking yards be screened from public view such that junk vehicles held in storage cannot be seen from a point six feet above the center of any public road.

This proposed facility is shielded on all four sides in accordance with the standards found in Rule 16.14.202 ARM by an attractive wooden fence approximately nine feet high. A series of six metal buildings along Main Street provide additional shielding on the north side. Fences connect the buildings. There should be no significant aesthetic impact from the proper operation of a wrecking facility at this proposed location.

There may be minor positive impacts on state and local tax bases and revenues, income and employment from the establishment of this business. If approved, Scott Auto Wrecking will become the first licensed auto parts recycler in Chouteau County. If successful, it should provide a commercial depository for junked vehicles, benefitting area aesthetics, and provide at least a secondary income and employment opportunity for the owner/operator and any additional employees necessary in the business over time. Such facilities commonly have minor positive economic impacts on such secondary businesses as auto parts stores, machine shops, body and repair shops, transportation, advertising and communication networks.

Previously, land use for this site was primarily agricultural in nature; sheep grazing and some cropland. The surrounding land has been plotted into city streets, blocks and residential lots although little development has occurred. Most remains agricultural in nature. The Fort Benton zoning board has reviewed and authorized this proposed industrial land use as certified on the license application.

A minor increase in demand for government services may result from the proposal. As with any business, there may be an additional need for such local services as law and fire protection, water, sewer, energy utilities and solid waste disposal facilities. A minor amount of time will be required of state and local junk vehicle program officials to conduct periodic inspections to assure that the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with state law. These impacts are not expected to be significant.

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SOLID WASTE SECTION

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences
Room A201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

1) Name of applicant: Scott's Lumber & Supply Co Inc.

2) Name of facility: Scott's Lumber & Supply Co Auto wrecking Dept

3) Address: PO Box 35 2518 Main St, Fort Benton Mt. 59442

4) Size and legal description of facility: 350 Ft X ~~500~~ 190 Ft Lots 1-10 Block 14 + 50' Front Street + 50 Ft of Front St East of Block 144 ~~Lots 1-20 Block 154 of the~~ Military Reservation Addition To the townsite of Fort Benton Mt (Chouteau Co)

5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:

Name: _____

Address: _____

6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.

b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.

7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: Key Ele Zoning Administrator Ft Benton

OF: Fort Benton Montana
(city or county)

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Gilbert Scott PHONE: 622-5141

TITLE: President owner DATE: ~~3-16-83~~ 7 25 84

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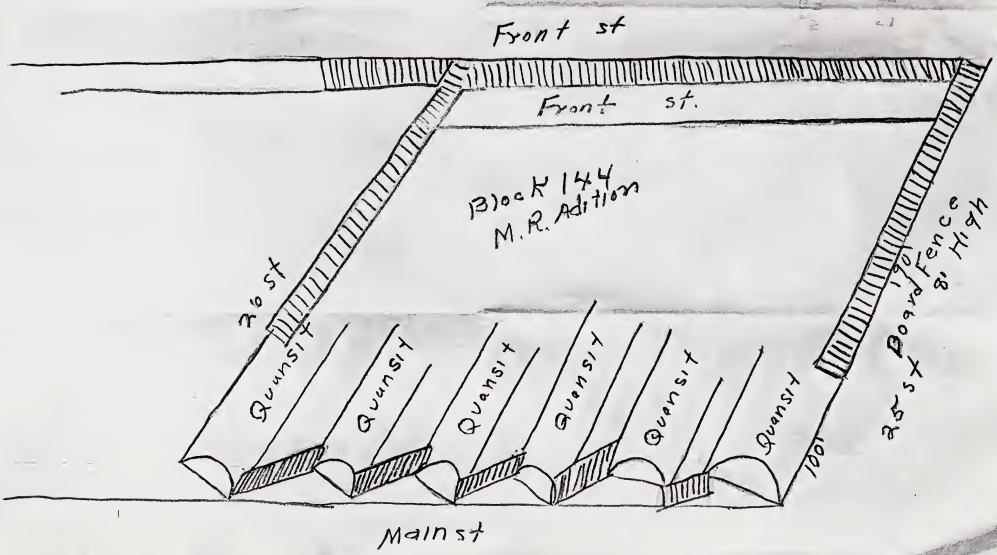

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